(b) whether this task force would work to close consultation with his Ministry and would give its recommendations to Foreign Secretary; and

(c) if so, to what extent setting up of this task force would be helpful in meeting the complex negotiations on the 123 Agreement with the US on the right to reprocess spent fuel?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A task force was set up by Ministry of External Affairs to review India's existing position on disarmament and non-proliferation issues and to make recommendations in the light of India's status as a nuclear-weapon state, India's security interests, present international realities and possible developments. The task force has submitted its Report to Foreign Secretary.

(c) The task force was not mandated to deal with the issues related to the 123 Agreement with the United States.

Chinese intrusion in India

471. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China refuses to recognize the Mac Mohan Line as the border between India and China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Chinese intrusions have been taking place particularly in the State of the Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of such intrusions and the initiatives taken by Government to resovle the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the gound that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly take up such perceived violations along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group, border personnel meetings, flag meetings and normal diplomatic channels.

Both sides have also agreed to an early clarification of the LAC. The Joint Declaration issued during the visit of Chinese President to India in November last year stated, "It was agreed to complete the process of exchanging maps indicating their respective perceptions of the entire alignment of the LAC on the basis of already agreed parameters as soon as possible."

Deputation to foreign countries

472. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government employees posted on deputation to foreign countries in the Indian embassies;

(b) the norms for such selection; and

(c) whether Government are giving adequate representation to employees and the officers belonging to SC, ST and minority?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Missions abroad are manned by officers/staff members of the Ministry of External Affairs who are posted there against regular posts. Posting of officers is done on administrative exigencies, taking into account a variety of factors including functional skills, language specialisation, seniority, profile of previous posting and other related factors. In some Indian Missions/Posts abroad, India-based officers and staff from Ministries/Departments other than Ministry of External Affairs like Defence, Commerce, Finance, Space, Science & Technology etc. are also sent on deputation. Their numbers vary fromtime to time depending upon the requirement. Deputationists from other Ministries are selected by the parent Ministry/ Department and approved by Department of Personnel and Training and the Ministry of External Affairs. A list of officers from other Ministries/Departments on deputation to various Indian Missions/ Posts abroad is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. While the percentage prescribed for reservation in SC, ST and minority categories is strictly followed at the recruitment stage, there is no policy of reservation in postings in Mission/Posts abroad.

Security check in Moscow

473. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the External Affairs Minister had to pass through security checks
at the ceremonial lounge recently in Moscow; and

(b) if so, whether Government have raised this issued with Government of Russia?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a)

No.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950

† 474. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to reconsider the Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950;

(b) whether Government are also contemplating to modify the Teraty of 1950; and

(c) whether Government are proposing to make identity card compulsory on the Indo-Nepal border in near future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a)

No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Indo-Bangladesh joint survey

475. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments of India and Bangladesh have agreed to carry out joint survey of international border to resolve the decades old problem of enclaves along the International borders;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.